

# RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE

## Public Lands Section

Department of Natural Resources – Room 1060

November 18, 2008 - 9:00 am

### Minutes

#### Members Present:

ZAREKARIZI, Susan – State Parks  
BAILEY, Carmen – DWR  
GRIERSON, DAVE – DFFSL  
CLARK, Robert - DEQ/DAQ  
SCHLOTTHAUER, Bill - Water Rights  
DANIELS, Ron – GOED  
WILDE, Kenneth – DEQ/Drinking Water  
FAUSETT, Chris – SITLA  
BOHN, Ralph – DSHW  
WHITE, Susan – DOGM  
EVERETT, Brent – DEQ/DERR  
DAMERY, Bill (alternate) – DEQ/Water Quality  
HIGGINS, Kurt – SITLA  
REED-CAMPBELL, Janice (alternate) - State History  
HARTY, Kimm – UGS  
STROMNESS, Rebecka – UDOT  
KLOTZ, Eric – Div. Water Resources

#### Others Present:

WRIGHT, Carolyn - PLPCO  
EDWARDS, Judy - PLPCO  
MONTGOMERY, Debby - PLPCO  
OGAARD, Don - BLM  
LICHTHARDT, Larry - BLM  
JAMES, Bill - DWR  
HASLEM, David – Uintah Co. Comm.  
ROY, Cordell - NPS  
CALL, Kenton - USFS

**Dave Grierson, Vice-Chair**, called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m.

#### **I. Approval of Minutes**

**Kimm Harty** gave a copy of the **October 14, 2008** minutes with corrections to **Carolyn Wright**. The minutes will be edited on the RDCC web page. The minutes were approved as amended by **Bill Schlotthauer** and seconded by **Kimm Harty**. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **II. Ruby Pipeline** discussion was cancelled for a later date.

#### **III. Reports from Agencies on Any Anticipated Projects**

**Judy Edwards, PLPCO**, reported project #9883 Draft Management Plan Amendment and Draft Rangeland Health EIS for Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Planning Area, comments are due by **December 8th**. She also asked the committee members to pay close attention to Projects #9998, 9997.

**Susan White, DOGM,** reported a special hearing was held by the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining on November 13 for increased density drilling in the Greater Altamont-Bluebell-Cedar Rim Area in Duchesne and Uintah Counties. The matter has yet to be settled and will spill into the Dec. 3 hearing. The Division asked that shut-in wells be addressed prior to drilling additional ones. Also, DWR has issues because their Rabbit Gulch Wildlife Management area is within the subject area.

**Don Ogaard, BLM,** reported the Monticello RMP, ROD was signed yesterday, this will be published in the Federal Register. That concludes the last of the six plans.

**Larry Lichardt, BLM,** discussed the GSENM Draft Monument Management Plan Amendment and Draft Rangeland Health EIS. The planning area is located in south central Utah adjacent to the Arizona border and includes approximately 2.2 million acres of which 300,000 acres are located in the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, BLM Kanab Field Office and the BLM Arizona Strip field office. BLM is undertaking this planning amendment to include Livestock Management into the Monument Management Plan (1999), to clarify plan direction, and provide NEPA compliance for issuance of permits on the Monument. The EIS analyzes both planning level and activity level actions.

The Draft EIS analyzes 5 alternatives including the No Action alternative addressing the attainment or non-attainment of rangeland health standards and actions necessary to assure their maintenance or attainment. Related actions such as livestock use levels, restoration practices, riparian management and range improvements. The draft EIS identifies nine allotments that do not meet at least one of the four rangeland health standards. The plan includes proposed changes related to vegetation restoration and management, use of native and non-native species, special status species, and livestock grazing.

**Ron Daniels, Office of Energy Advisor,** reported their latest large scale activity item is the work on the Utah Renewable Energy Resource Zone (UREZ) identification effort in which they are identifying viable zones across the State in which pipelines and power lines can be located to assist in the future development of Renewable Energy Resources.

**Bill Schlotthauer, Division of Water Rights,** reported the State Engineer will be revising and republishing proposed administrative rule R655-16, entitled Administrative Procedures for Defining Beneficial Uses for Supplemental Water Rights.

State Engineer Jerry Olds has announced his retirement effective December 16, 2008. A reception will be held in his honor on December 11, 2008, from 3 to 5 PM at the Department of Natural Resources.

**Rebecka Stromness, UDOT,** reported UDOT has completed or will complete the following environmental documents in the next week:

- SR-108 EIS; ROD sign at the end of October
- Mountain View EIS; ROD was signed yesterday. There will be a press release about it later today. UDOT would like to thank all the agencies that were involved with the project.
- Provo Reservoir Canal Trail EA; FONSI was issued yesterday.
- SR-92 EA; FONSI expected by this coming Friday.

Ongoing Projects:

- The Geneva Road Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be released in the next month.
- UDOT has conducted preliminary resource surveys for Legacy North to help determine how the type of environmental document to pursue.
- Utah Lake Crossing is not being pursued until funding becomes available.

**Brent Everett** reported that the U.S. EPA had extended the public comment period on the proposal to list the U.S. Magnesium site an additional 20 days, and that it would now end on **November 24**.

**Cordell, Roy**, reported Ken Burns is doing a 12 hour film series on National Parks, this will be shown on PBS.

**Grierson, Dave**, reported there are two public meetings for review of a preliminary draft of the Utah Lake Master Plan on December 3rd at Willowcreek Middle School, 2275 West 300 North, Lehi and December 4th at the Utah Lake State Park, 4400 West Center in Provo. Both meetings are in the evening from 5:00 to 7:00 PM.

Due to budget cuts, the Lone Peak Nursery will be closing. The Division will be looking for some public/private partnerships to utilize the facilities and land. The legislature has funded the nursery until the end of the fiscal year.

**Kenton Call, USFS**, reported the end of the comment period for the Dixie Oil and Gas Leasing, DEIS will end **December 16, 2008**.

**Judy Edwards, PLPCO**, reported the Mou's will be reviewed at a later date.

#### **IV. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:50 am, the next meeting will be held **December 9, 2008** at the **State Capitol Complex, Beehive Room**.